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Applicant(s): Y. SHIBATA, et al
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DEFECTS
Group: 2877
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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 7, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed October 5, 2004.

A payment in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee required for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.40997X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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